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TOWARDS THE CONSTITUTION OF A DIOCESAN SANCTUARY

“There are some historical passages, in the life of a place of worship, which are charged with a very profound significance as they not only remind us of the progress of an experience of faith, in the time that God gives us, but also reveal to us the gradual maturation of the ecclesial conscience in relation to the faith lived in the people of God, in careful observation of the fruits of Grace and the good of souls.”

In this last part of the year, we prepare ourselves at Fontanelle to live one of these long-awaited moments, i.e. the formal canonical recognition by the Bishop of Brescia of these places of worship and Marian devotion as a Diocesan Shrine in honor of Maria Rosa Mystica. Until now, these places were simply recognized as a bishop's delegation and entrusted to a Bishop's Delegate for the management of the cult. After the favorable consultations with also the appropriate organs of the Holy See, in the near future Fon-

anelle will in effect become one of the Marian Shrines of our Diocese of Brescia: it will be therefore authoritatively recognized as a sacred place where “for a special reason of piety, the faithful go on pilgrimage in great numbers” (can. 1230).

As is required, in the life of a Shrine the pastoral care of the liturgy and devotion must therefore be guaranteed in an even more constant and orderly manner, under the guidance of a Rector and his collaborators, “offering to the faithful with greater abun-

dance the means of salvation (...) above all with the celebration of the Eucharist and Penance” (can. 1234). From now on, we ask all pilgrims and devotees of Rosa Mystica to accompany these important moments of choice and discernment on the part of the Diocesan authority, with prayer, penance and sacrifice, according to the style of devotion and spirituality that since the beginning has characterized this sacred place dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

As is evident, this passage concerns in particular a renewed and more intense management of the cult and the sacramental life at Fontanelle, and therefore does not change the current suspended judgment of the Church on the authenticity of the Marian apparitions during its current phase of the study and deepening, which is taking place in our Diocese, in close collaboration with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the

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Faith. Nevertheless, it is important to underline that this choice certainly is a great help to increase the diffusion of the cult and the offering of the means of sacramental Grace for all the faithful who come here from every part of the world and is a means to offer important and new elements to operate that evangelical discernment which, starting from the fruits, judges more carefully the authenticity of the plant that generates them and the free action of the Spirit.

We entrust ourselves with a filial soul to Maria Rosa Mystica, the Mother who knows perfectly well what the Church needs most in this historical era for a revival in Europe of the faith in Christ and of the life of prayer, experienced in the Spirit and in truth, can take place. The strong moments of the liturgy, which we will be celebrating in Fontanelle in the months to come, in particular the Feast of the Communion of Repara-



Fontanelle, 13 July 2019 - Feast in honor of Maria Rosa Mystica: Mgr. Marco Alba, episcopal delegate, presents Fr. Gian Matteo Roggio to the assembly of the faithful; Fr. Roggio is a Salesian and well-known Mariologist, who concelebrated the H. Mass with other priests from different continents.

tion, which will be held this year, exactly on Sunday, October 13, will give us the opportunity to ask Her intercession for the cause of Rosa Mystica Fontanelle and to thank for the great experience of the Marian Prayer and Marian

Devotion emanating from these places in a meek and serene manner, which mysteriously and providently spread over the five continents.

Mgr. Marco Alba
Episcopal Delegate

The Eucharist, an immense gift

Also this year, namely on October 13, we will approach the Eucharist with a particular intention that Mary has proposed to us and which has become a wonderful tradition here in Fontanelle: nourishing ourselves with the Body of Jesus, also and above all, to “restore” the sins of those who not only ignore Him but also approach him superficially or even worse, with contempt.

How pitiful! Father Pio, this great saint that the Lord gave us so that with his testimony and his charisma he could help the faith of millions of people in the world, used to say that if people would know the real value of the Holy Mass, many policemen would be needed to coordinate the crowds that would come to be able to attend it. I am also convinced of this, even though perhaps the actual problem, today more than ever, is not much the fact that we “do not know” about the Eucharist, but that we less and less “believe” in it. In this respect, recently late-breaking news has been issued regarding a research that was carried out in America by an important institute (the Pew Research Center) on “What the Americans know about religion”; among other things they propose to highlight the relationship between Catholics and the Eucharist. The result is serious because only a third of the interviewed American Catholics believe that in the communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is truly present in the form of bread and wine. Well, 69% believe that it is merely a symbol, a reminder of the gesture made

“My love embraces all humanity”

In the 70s a Priest, eager to make Rosa Mystica well known, had the particular intuition to make people love the Virgin through a pilgrimage, and immediately he dedicated himself with much zeal

and courage. In the Diary of Pierina Gilli, on April 30, 1977, we read: **“Now he has introduced me to so many places where I am loved and venerated... I myself bring to the Lord the prayers of**

the devoted children! ... Behold, my love embraces the whole world! ... Do not fear children, always go onward to make known the great work of the Mercy of the Lord that through His Mother wants to save humanity. Be faithful to spread this beautiful initiative of pilgrimage ..., it is a union of prayer, in which fraternal love is transmitted to everyone; it brings much peace to the souls! ... The Heart of your Mother implores the heavenly blessing of her Divine Son, Jesus Christ, for all of you!”

The Foundation, which continually receives requests from all over the world for statues, especially from seminaries, parishes, convents and prayer groups named after Rosa Mystica, has established that the offers collected every 13th of the month, will be destined for this purpose. Certain of your sharing, we count on your sensitivity.



On July 13, 2019 Cameroon also joined the Feast of Rosa Mystica.

by Jesus at the Last Supper but which does not renew its efficacy. We hope that the situation, at least in Italy, is not that serious, but the data on religious practice that is known, does not suggest a situation very different from the American one.

All this is giving cause for concern because the Eucharist is not an accessory of the Christian faith but precisely represents its center, its synthesis. It expresses and summarizes in itself the whole history of salvation: God's plan for humankind, the incarnation of the Word in Jesus of Nazareth, His death on the cross and His resurrection, a pledge to us until the end of times. In the meantime, it is the Eucharist that, together with the other sacraments, enables us to experience the presence of Jesus directly within ourselves, not only in our own hearts, but even in the cells of our own bodies. It is a continuous miracle that so many Eucharistic miracles accompany the two centuries of Christianity to help us to embrace it. Like those of recent decades in Argentina and Poland, recognized by their respective Bishop's Conferences certified by important research institutes –

such as the NASA – in which each time a host has transformed itself not only into flesh but also into a fragment of the heart. A heart that could be determined – by studying the condition of the present white blood cells – as belonging to a chest that was exposed to strong physical stress, just like that of Jesus.

Of all this, I believe that we must especially be aware on October 13, but also each time when approaching the Eucharist. We have to thank profoundly for the faith that was given to us, offering Jesus all our love. Humankind has at its disposal an immense gift that it largely neglects, a God who came so close that He assumed the human flesh and yet this humankind has turned its back on Him. We are continually looking for happiness and fulfillment elsewhere, remaining at the end always a little disappointed; in reality, there is a Heart full of love, constantly waiting for us to welcome, embrace and console us and to grant us His peace and His joy

Rosanna Brichetti Messori



From Libany: Faithful people come to pray.



Fontanelle.

MONTHLY TIMETABLE OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2019

THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST STARTS AGAIN

From Monday to Thursday

16:00 Confessions.
16:30 H. Rosary.

Saturday

16:00 Confessions.
16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 H. Mass, Pre-festive.

Sunday and feast days

16:00-18:00 Confessions.
16:00 Adoration.
16:30 H. Rosary.
17:00 Solemn Mass.

Sunday, September 8

XXIII Sunday and Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary

Community day of Sri Lanka

10:00 - 13:00 Holy Mass and Procession
of the Singhalese pilgrims

In the afternoon: usual time for feast days

Friday, September 13th - Marian day

16:00 Confessions - Eucharistic Adoration
16:30 H. Rosary. 17:00 H. Mass

From Tuesday, October 1 to Saturday, October 12: 12 Days of Prayer in preparation for the Feast of Communion of Reparation.

Every day: 16:00 Confessions,
16:30 H. Rosary, 17:00 Holy Mass

Monday, October 7 - Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary

Sunday, October 13 - Monthly Marian Day and Feast of the Communion of Reparation and distribution of the blessed buns

10:00-12:00 Confessions
10:15 Blessing of the buns, Marian procession, Holy Rosary.
11:00 Solemn Mass
16:00-18:00 Confessions
16:00 Eucharistic adoration
16:30 H. Rosary
17:00 High Mass

Sunday, October 20 - World missionary day

Sunday, October 27th - SUMMER TIME CHANGE

Winter schedule

15:00-17:00 Confessions.
15:00 Adoration. 15:30 H. Rosary.
16:00 High Mass.

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